

Saving Lives, Moving People and Delivering Goods

Bridges and highways across our state are at risk of failure. They must be repaired or replaced now. Inaction is not an option. This crisis is endangering lives, slowing our economy and taking away precious time that could be spent at home with our families. We need real solutions to get people moving safely and efficiently.

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A Transportation Solution That Puts Safety First

To get our state moving, we need a system that is safe, efficient and convenient. This year, the Legislature passed a bipartisan revenue package that raises \$8.5 billion for new transportation investments. Some highlights include:

- \$2 billion for the Alaskan Way Viaduct
- \$500 million for the SR 520 floating bridge
- \$430 million for other bridge replacements and preservation.
- \$280 million for safety projects throughout the state.
- \$550 million to help the economy by making it easier and faster for freight and goods to move throughout our state.
- \$740 million for public transportation investments that integrate road, rail, ferry and buses to move people efficiently and conveniently
- \$602 million directly to cities and counties to help with local road needs

The Viaduct could collapse in the next earthquake and it could cost us lives and our economy.



Hundreds of bridges across the state are at risk and must be fixed now.

Increasing Government Accountability

You want to know who is responsible and accountability needs to start at the top. Giving the Governor the authority to hire and fire the Secretary of Transportation shifts accountability to our elected officials, the ones who have to answer to the public. This reform will increase public trust and ensure that you know who is managing our state transportation system.

The transportation package number one priority is safety.

2005 Transportation Package

Performance Audits

The State Auditor may conduct performance audits on state transportation agencies and will become a member of the Transportation Audit Board.

Our economy depends on moving goods and this plan will improve freight mobility and create jobs.



Moving People Faster With HOT Lanes

When thousands of commuters are stuck in gridlock, it doesn't make sense if we aren't using all of our lanes to their full capacity. We can be more efficient. This year the Legislature passed a bill that sets up an experiment for a new way to pay for our roads and speed up traffic for everyone. The reform will allow solo drivers to drive in HOV lanes along SR 167 if they pay a toll. If the system works, this could be a new way to finance our transportation system and ensure we are efficiently using our freeways to move people faster.

Our transportation system is bursting at the seams and our infrastructure has been neglected, this package is necessary to keep our state moving safely.



Clean Air and Clean Cars for Washington

Reducing car emissions protects our families from harmful pollutants, fights global climate change and reduces our dependence on imported oil. More than half of the greenhouse gases produced in our state come from vehicle tail pipes. The Legislature approved changes to cut those emissions dramatically over the next decade.



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